

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY
CENTRE, ON 27 MAY 2025, COMMENCING AT 6.00PM**

Present: Crs B Reynolds (Mayor), R Scott (Deputy Mayor), I Dorsett, C Gosewisch, K Hutchings, S Johnston and J Newstead

General Manager (Mr M Dicker), Director Corporate Services (Mr A Franze), Director Infrastructure Services (Mr J Hogan), Director Planning & Environmental Services (Mr A Muir) and Executive Assistant to the General Manager (Mrs L Ferson)

RECORDING OF MEETING STATEMENT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

MAYORAL MINUTE

The Mayor announced that at the recent NSW Top Tourism Town Awards, Millthorpe was awarded Bronze in the Tiny Tourism Town Award and received People Choice Award, as voted by the public.

**MAYORAL MINUTE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW 2025
RURAL & REGIONAL SUMMIT**

2505/001

RESOLVED:

That the report from the Mayor on the 2025 Local Government NSW Rural and Regional Summit be noted.

(Reynolds)
CARRIED

**MAYORAL MINUTE - MINISTER RESPONSE TO NSW LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION**

2505/002

RESOLVED:

That Council note the response from the Minister for Regional New South Wales to the resolution at the 2024 LGNSW Annual Conference regarding grant funding for Mining Impacted Councils.

(Reynolds)
CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 22 APRIL 2025****2505/003****RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 April 2025, being minute numbers 2504/001 to 2504/020 be confirmed.

(Scott/Newstead)
CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE AT THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 22 APRIL 2025****2505/004****RESOLVED:**

That the question taken on notice at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 April 2025 and subsequent response be received and noted.

(Gosewisch/Scott)
CARRIED

BLAYNEY SHIRE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-2035**2505/005****RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Note the community engagement undertaken for the Blayney Shire Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035.
2. Note one submission was received.
3. Endorse the Blayney Shire Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035.
4. Place a copy of the plan on Council's website and provide a copy to the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government.

(Scott/Dorsett)
CARRIED

CABONNE AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM**2505/006****RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Receive the report on the Cabonne After School Care program;
2. Approve an additional contribution of \$3,500 in 2025/26 for the Blayney OOSH.
3. Note that Cabonne Council will also provide an update by the end of the financial year regarding the quarantine of reserve funds, specifically for Blayney OOSH.
4. Receive a report once the quarantine reserve funds are provided to Council before a decision is made on ongoing future funding.

(Reynolds/Scott)

CARRIED**CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS****REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2025****2505/007****RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the report indicating Council's investment position as of 30 April 2025.
2. Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)

CARRIED**QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - MARCH 2025****2505/008****RESOLVED:**

1. That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the quarter ending 31 March 2025 be received.
2. That the supplementary votes of (\$297k) nett proposed in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement be adopted, resulting in an increase to capital expenditure of \$386k, a decrease to operating expenditure of (\$158k) and a decrease in income of (\$69k).
3. Note that the supplementary votes resolved at the 22 April Council meeting of \$165k increase to operating expenditure and \$60k increase to capital expenditure which will increase the forecast operating deficit from (\$1.86m) at 31 March 2025 to (\$2.03m) at 22 April 2025. The total capital expenditure budget will increase from \$16.48m at 31 March 2025 to \$16.54m at 22 April 2025.

(Scott/Hutchings)

CARRIED

**DEFERRED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION -
SUNNYRIDGE GOLF CLUB**

2505/009

RESOLVED:

That Council approve the request for Flagship Funding financial assistance of \$15,000 from Sunnyridge Golf Club under the Community Financial Assistance Program.

(Newstead/Scott)

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PROCUREMENT POLICY

2505/010

RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Receive the report on Adoption of the Procurement Policy;
2. Note the one submission on the Procurement Policy received during the public exhibition period;
3. Adopt the Procurement Policy and it be included in Council's policy register.

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)

CARRIED

REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES

2505/011

RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Rescind the following policies, noting that policies named will be endorsed as Operational policies (internal) to mitigate risk of exposure of Council protection measures to external cyber threat actors:

Policy Name
Information Technology Security and Usage Policy
Information Security Policy

2. Endorse the following policies and place them on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.

Policy Name
Asset Management Policy
Disposal of Assets Policy
Gifts and Benefits Policy
Incentives for Medical Professionals Policy
Notification Plan for Pesticide Use
Related Party Disclosures Policy
Statement of Business Ethics

3. Provided no submissions are received during the period of public exhibition, adopt the policies and update Council's Policy Register.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

COMMUNITY LAND PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - ADOPTION**2505/012****RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Receive the Community Land Plan of Management – Adoption report;
2. Note that no submissions were received during the Plan of Management exhibition period and proposed amendments regarding references to electric vehicle stations;
3. Adopt the draft Plan of Management for Community Land (Crown Reserves) – Open Space, Parks, Sportsgrounds and Community Facilities.
4. Authorise the General Manager to make minor editorial modifications in the finalisation of the Community Land Plan of Management if necessary;
5. Forward the adopted Community Land Plan of Management for information to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands and Public Spaces.

(Johnston/Gosewisch)

CARRIED**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS****INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT****2505/013****RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Infrastructure Services Monthly Report for May 2025.

(Hutchings/Dorsett)

CARRIED**PROPOSED (PART) ROAD CLOSURE - RICHARDS LANE****2505/014****RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the submissions received during the notification period.
2. Approve the closure of part of Richards Lane, Millthorpe that is identified as Lot 1 DP 1314611 adjoining Lot 3 DP1232898, in accordance with s.38 Roads Act 1993.
3. Approve the land to be given as compensation for other land acquired under the Roads Act 1993.
4. Give public notice for a period of 28 days of Council's intention to classify the land as Operational Land.
5. Delegate to the Mayor and General Manager authority to execute signature and fixing of the Council Seal to facilitate the road closure and land transfer.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)

CARRIED

**MINUTES OF THE FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 6 MAY 2025**

2505/015

RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Receive the Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 6 May 2025.
2. Adopt the revised Terms of Reference of the Blayney Shire Floodplain Risk Management Committee.

(Dorsett/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

2505/016

RESOLVED:

That the meeting now be closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act, 1993 for consideration of the following matter:

LEGAL MATTER

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (g) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

(Newstead/Scott)

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL MEETING REPORTS

2505/017

LEGAL MATTER

RESOLVED:

That Council receive and note the update report regarding legal proceedings in relation to the Millthorpe CBD beautification project.

(Gosewisch/Scott)

CARRIED

2505/018

RESOLVED:

That as consideration of the matters referred to in the closed meeting has been concluded, the meeting now be opened to the public.

(Gosewisch/Dorsett)

CARRIED

**AT THE RE-OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC, THE MAYOR
ANNOUNCED THE OUTCOME OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2505/017.**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.14pm.

The Minute Numbers 2505/001 to 2505/018 were confirmed on 23 June 2025 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 May 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Councillor B Reynolds', written over a horizontal line.

Councillor B Reynolds

CHAIR